

Setting Goals and Objectives

A PRIMER... Just to remind us all about what needs to be accomplished as a result of your participation here.



What is a goal? (a little reminder)

- Statement of desired outcomes
- Should be based on instructional aspects of the program
- Should be appropriate for all participants
- Must be measurable
- Should be challenging but realistic



Practice

- Easy: What's a good weight loss goal?
- Harder: What's a good AIMS goal?
- Hardest: What's a good professional development goal?
 - Think in terms of who will do what by when?



Goal Areas

- Increased Student Achievement
- Increased Knowledge and Skills of Educators
- Capacity Building



How would you improve these goals?

- Students will do better on tests.
- Teachers will change their instruction.
- Our school will increase its average test scores on the AIMS.
- 50% of all teachers will love their work.
- 90% of all students will come to school ready to learn.
- We will continue after this grant is over.



Benchmarks



- Typically multiple benchmarks over time
- Often at regular intervals
- Should be related to needs assessments/data analysis
- Should be defined in terms of performance – acquisition of knowledge, skills, or dispositions
- Should be challenging but realistic



Practice

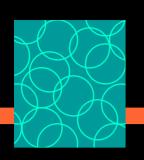
- Benchmarks for weight loss
- Benchmarks for AIMS
- Benchmarks for professional development





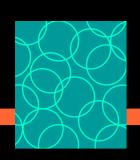
Critique These Benchmarks

- By spring 2004, every student will have accessed the Internet.
- Between January and March, average school attendance will be 75%.
- By spring 2004, every teacher in our school will have given practice tests to students 200 times.
- By January, every teacher will have read one professional development article.



Activities and Rationale

- State the recommended course of action or decision (what will you do?)
- Discuss how recommendation addresses the problem (is it aligned with the goals and benchmarks?)
- Discuss how plan will address challenges (why is this better than something else? – cite the research and the data)



Practice, again

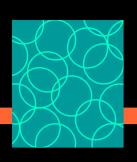


- Activities and Rationale
 - Weight loss
 - AIMS scores
 - Professional development



Details

- Who is going to do the work? (staff roles, not actual names)
- By when?
- How exactly will you know whether you have reached the benchmark?
- Does the budget align well with goals, benchmarks, and activities?



The Rest

- Funding sources other than this grant
 - In-kind contributions such as transportation, printing, paying subs
- Sustainability
 - Continuation after grant period has ended, such as change in policy, integration with other activities and funding sources, etc.